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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 719

AMEMBASSY LONDON

INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: CVIS SA US

SUBJ: SAUDI DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING US VISAS

REF: A. JIDDA 5306; B. BONN 14704

1. SAUDI AMBASSADOR SHEIKH AL-RUMAIH CALLED ON ME THIS MORNING, RETURNING MY PROTOCOL CALL ON HIM OF SOME MONTHS AGO. HE APOLOGIZED FOR DELAY IN RETURNING CALL, INDICATING HE HAD RECEIVED EXTENSIVE BUT EXCEPTIONAL MEDICAL ATTENTION SOMEWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES AND HAD AGAIN VISITED UNITED STATES A MONTH OR SO AGO TO PLACE HIS SON IN UNIVERSITY. LATTER TRIP, HOWEVER, HAD BEEN NOT WITHOUT DIFFICULTY IN THAT HE AND HIS SON APPLIED FOR VISAS IN LONDON, NOTWITHSTANDING FACT THAT TIME WAS SHORT TO ENROLL SON IN U S UNIVERSITY AND HE HAD FORMAL NOTE OF INTRODUCTION FROM SAUDI EMBASSY IN LONDON, VISA ISSUANCE REQUIRED THREE DAYS. (ASSUME THIS IS CASE ALLUEDED TO PARA 3 REFTEL A.)

2. WE HAVE ALWAYS ENJOYED EXCELLENT RELATIONS HERE WITH SAUDI EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION WHICH ON MANY OCCASIONS HAS GIVEN VISAS AFTER HOURS, OVER WEEKENDS, ETC. I THEREFORE EXPRESSED MY DEEPEST PERSONAL REGRETS ETC. AL-RUMAIH WAS RATHER GRACIOUS IN HIS REMARKS

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BUT IT WAS QUITE OBVIOUS THAT HE WAS SORE AS A PUP

AND DEEPLY RESENTED TREATMENT HE RECEIVED IN LONDON.

3. WE CANNOT TELL FROM HERE WHETHER PROBLEM  
RESULTED FROM "OPERATION BULDER" DELAYS OR FROM LACK OF FORM  
I-20 OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION. I WOULD APPRECIATE BY  
CABLE ANYTHING I MIGHT BE ABLE TO SAY TO AL-RUMAIH  
THAT MIGHT SMOOTH A FEW OF HIS RUFFLED FEATHERS.  
GODLEY

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